Dear Jim, 5/19/80

If I hadn't felt inordinately weak and tired this very nice day I'd not have been in the house looking at the NBC's broadcast of a baseball game and if I'd not been looking at it I'd not have been aware of the broadcast I refer to in this letter to Barger. I wish I'd thought to tape it but I'm a bit sluggish and didn't.

While Hoover and the FBI may have been less innocent than the records make them look, it is true and the [redacted] case record reflects (in transcripts case) that he did get Nosenko to agree to testify before the WC after Nosenko told the FBI the KGB suspected that Oswald was a sleeper agent. On possibly CIA, but not FBI.

Before the CIA then started toying with Nosenko's mind he might have given the WC testimony the CIA didn't want it to have on this. Remember, those in the CIA who made up all those theories are those who had something to worry about from such testimony. Miler was going to have him killed or driven insane, literally. He is one of Epstein's major sources in Legend. (No prosecution for violation of his CIA contract, either.)

There was never a time when the KGB had to worry about being blamed for the crime. That, too, is a CIA invention. So there was no purpose in sending Nosenko.

As to the kind of anti-KGB info Nosenko provided, it is he who told the CIA how to locate about 50 bugs inside the US Moscow embassy. That is hardly throw-away information.

I don't know if this will be of interest to Mark Lynch and I don't want to bother him if it isn't likely to be. The extra copies are for him if you think he'd be interested.

Best,

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